(c) whether new SKO/LDO dealerships in such areas are advertised where there are some dealerships working below selling limits; and

(d) whether Government would allow dealerships to be resited in case district quota of kerosene does not allow these dealerships to be economically viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) At present there are 565 SKO-LDO dealerships which are operating below 75 KL per month. As per the existing policy locations found economically viable as per the Oil Industry Norms are included in the marketing plan and advertised from time to time for selection of dealers through Dealer Selection Boards.

On commissioning of new SKO-LDO dealerships, including those belonging to SC/ST and Defence Category, a minimum allocation of 50 to 75 KL per month of SKO is given to the dealers. As and when additional allocation is made to all the districts, the extra allocation is given to low volume dealers to make them economically viable.

(d) At present there is no policy for resitement of SKO dealership.

Filling up of vacancies in reserved category

1618. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quota of posts reserved for SCs/STs has been filled up in his Ministry during the last three years, category-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when, the backlog for the posts reserved for SCs/STs are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is given in the Statement. (*see* below)

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Statement

Year	No. of posts reserved for SC				No. of posts reserved for ST				No. of posts filled by SC				No. of posts filled by ST				Reserved posts for SC lying vacant				Reserved posts for ST lying vacant				Remarks
(1)	(2)				(3)				(4)				(5)				(6)				(7)				(8)
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	
1997	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	Refused to join.
1998	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	Vacancy intimated to Department of Personnel and Training, Response awaited.
1999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*Backlog vacancy.